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Mahatma Gandhi on Swadeshi

In the new orientation being given to our planning, the emphasis is on the development of the rural economy and the small and cottage industries. In this context, the concept of "Swadeshi", which was an important plank during our national struggle, assumes fresh significance.

A few selected quotations from Mahatma Gandhi, giving his ideas on Swadeshi, are given here.

Swadeshi......is a religious discipline to be undergone in utter disregard of the physical discomfort it may cause to individuals.

—*Speech*, 14 February 1916

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If everything native is bad and everything foreign pleasing to us, I should not know what Swaraj can mean for us.......It seems to me that, before we can appreciate Swaraj, we should have not only love but passion for Swadeshi stamp.

—*Young India*, 3 November, 1917

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To use foreign articles rejecting those that are manufactured in India is to be untrue to India. It is an unwarranted indulgence. To use foreign articles because we do not like indigenous ones is to be a foreigner. It is obvious that we cannot reject indigenous articles, even as we can not reject the native air and the native soil because they are inferior to foreign air and soil.

—*Young India*, 13 May 1919.

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......My Swadeshi teaches me that being born in it and having inherited her culture, I am fittest to serve her (my country) and she has a prior claim to my service.

—*Young India*, 2 April 1924.

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My definition of Swadeshi is well known. I must not serve my distant neighbour at the expense of the nearest. It is never vindictive or punitive. It is in no sense narrow for I buy from every part of the world what is needed for my growth. I refuse to buy from anybody anything however nice or beautiful if it interferes with my growth or injures those whom Nature has made my first care.

—*Young India*, 12 May 925

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Swedeshi does not mean drowning oneself in one's own little puddle, but making it tributary to the ocean, that is, the nation. And, it can claim to contribute to the ocean only if it is and keeps itself pure.

—*Young India*, 2 February 1928

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Rules of the best and the cheapest is not always true. Just as we do not give up our country for one with a better climate but endeavour to improve our own, so also may we not discard Swadeshi for better or cheaper foreign things. Even as a husband who being dissatisfied with his simple looking wife goes in search of a better looking women is disloyal to his partner, so is a man disloyal to his country who prefers foreign—made things though better than countrymade things. The law of each country's progress demands on the part of its inhabitants,

preference for their own products and manufactures.

—*Young India*, 30 M y 1929

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We often think that we have carried out the full message of Swadeshi when we have adopted khadi. We treat it is a passport for the use of everything else from non-Indian sources and for the introduction of the latest fashions from Paris. This is a travesty of Swadeshi and denial of the message khadi. Whilst khadi is an obligation for all time in India, surely it is equally an obligation to use India-made things wherever we can get them even though they may be inferior to foreign articles. There are several Swadesbi things on the market which are in danger of disappearance for want of patronage. They may not be up to the mark. It is for us to use them and require the makers to improve them wherever improvement is possible. The rule of the best and the cheapest is not always true.

—*Young India*, 30 May 1929.

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I am told that with the advent of Swadeshi raj in the shape of Swaraj, the spirit of Swadeshi is fast disappearing from the land. The stock of khadi is perhaps at its lowest. It is not an unusual sight to see what are called Gandhi topis worn by men who are otherwise clad in paradeshi. If that is true on any large scale, the dearly loved liberty, in my opinion, would be short-lived. Goodbye then to the hope of India becoming the Light of Asia, as by right it should be. Paradeshi goes side by side with luxury which a correspondent says is rampant everywhere. I fondly hope that whilst the tragic picture might be true of the cities of India, it is not so of the villages, if only because they were famishing

—*Harijan*, 29 June 1947

Let Us All Hail

By P. B. SREENIVOS
Cine-Play-back artiste

Magnanimous, Generous, Righteous,
Genuine, able and industrious,
Remarkable HERO of the South Indian Screen
Actor who proved to be ever-green
Maintaining his standard through decades,
Attracting people of different grades,
Conceived, formed and established,
His new party, accomplished,
And developed, with a zeal hearty!
Now he won with a majority
Deserved by his versatility,
Reaching the zenith of popularity!
Auspicious symbol of Twin-Leaves gave
Notable success to his work brave!!!

THUS SPAKE THE MAHATMA

I have seen and believe that God never appears to you in person, but in action which can only account for your deliverance in your darkest hour.

ASOKA SCENTED BETELNUT POWDER

Free India

SUNDAY June 26, 1977

M. G. R.

Mr. M. G. Ramachandran, leader of the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam is to take over as chief Minister of Tamil Nadu this week.

A staunch follower of the late Mr. C. N. Annadurai, founder of the D. M. K., M. G. R. has taken a big role in building up that party and installing it in power twice in the State. He was compelled to form the new party following differences with Mr. M. Karunanidhi. He resented the rampant corruption in the DMK and tried to set things right from within. But he failed.

MGR's grievance was mainly against corruption and misuse of power by DMK leadership. So it can be safely assumed that he will be very particular in ensuring a clean administration in the state.

MGR's achievements in Tamil Nadu politics are really unique. His AIADMK owes its big success in the elections to his personality and character. It is just foolish to call it mere "cinema glamour." He never drinks, he never smokes. His generosity is unparalleled. Apart from big donations to mitigate sufferings during natural disasters, his secret help to many of his friends in times of need is unbelievable. Any worthy cause always receives a sympathetic response from him.

MGR's real strength is his devoted followers. The DMK tried all vile methods to besmirch his fair name. It tried to turn the wrath of the Tamils on him calling him a Malayalee. "I can't accept a non-Tamil as chief Minister," has been the cry of Mr. Karunanidhi. But people wisely chose to put the DMK in the opposition.

Capacity and experience—two points often mentioned by anti-AIADMK parties—have no meaning. These will be provided to any new party in the initial stages by the bureaucracy, which is fortunately still quite efficient in the State.

Much is made of the delay in forming the new Cabinet. The AIADMK legislature party is full of accademically well qualified young men. It is no easy job to select.

Unlike his predecessors, the responsibilities of MGR are really heavy. The people who have voted for his party are the poorest in the State. The innocent womenfolk of the villages honestly expect him to do what all the benevolent acts they have seen him do in his films.

MGR is fortunate in one respect. He had the advice of the CPI in the formative period of his party. Now, while taking over power, he has the advantage of the political advice of CPI (M). Only three months back the Congress Party basked in his popularity to forge a big success in the Lok Sabha poll. He can ignore the DMK.

He has already earned the name of always supporting the ruling party, So the Janata party may not give him any trouble. But it may be difficult for him to avoid clash with the new Janata fanatics in Delhi over the Hindi issue.

M.G.R. has already announced that he will seek the services of the best brains in the State for specialised jobs. This only proves his anxiety to get things done—and done well.

MGR carries the good will of almost all sections of society. We wish him success.

INDIA, MY INDIA...

Anything For A Drink

From the Central Kerala town of Palai comes the report of an alcoholic who tried to pawn his children for a drink.

The 40-year-old addict came to a "foreign" liquor shop on a Sunday and consumed brandy worth Rs. 40. When he was given the bill, he pleaded that he had forgotten his purse at home and promised to go home and bring it. Meanwhile as evidence of his good intentions, he kept his ten-year-old daughter behind. He never returned.

The next day a woman claiming to be the mother of the child came to the shop and took charge of the girl. It was then that the sobbing girl revealed that her brother too was "pawned" in another liquor shop. The mother recovered that child also. The shop owners found that they could do nothing about the unpaid bill, and were thankful that they had at least been relieved of the burden of a weeping child from their hands.

—India Tidings.

A Sex Problem

"But Madhu is a male," exclaimed the polling officer, soon after a comely lady was ushered in to cast her vote in a Karol Bagh polling booth in the recent elections.

Taken aback, the woman protested: "But I am a woman."

The presiding officer took a spot decision. He said: "It must be a printing mistake. Check the lady's age, and if it tallies with her looks, let her vote."

—The Hindustan Times.

Child Voter

A large number of voters in Shillong and elsewhere, who were on the voters' list in 1971, found their names missing when they turned up to exercise their choice.

In a polling booth in Phutvero in Nagaland, an eight-year-old girl was included in the voters' list. And cast her vote she did, in the presence of local journalists!

—Indian Express

A Weighty Vote

Bashiruddin Khan, a 55-year-old tyre dealer at Jama Masjid was extended a special attention by the candidates in his constituency.

The reason is simple. Mr. Khan heads a family of 127 members of whom 36 are eligible to vote. He himself has two wives, seven sons and eight daughters.

—The Decan Chronicle.

Valuable Halwa

A block of halwa in the baggage of a passenger from Sri Lanka who arrived in Trivandrum was found to contain gold worth Rs. 6300. Customs officials who made the discovery, arrested the passenger.

—Indian Express

Fateful Wedding

Thankamma, a young bride from Kerala, was being dressed for the momentous day by her friends. To enhance her coiffure, an artificial top was fixed on her head. She felt a slight pricking sensation, but dismissed it as probably as some harmless insect.

Within the hour the bridal procession started out, but by the time they had covered a short distance, Thankamma had fainted, and in a few more minutes she was dead.

When the corpse was being washed for burial by the grief-stricken relatives, from under the artificial top crawled the killer—a small but highly venomous snake.

— Indian Express

Lady Train Robbers

The Railway Police recently arrested a gang of four robbers, all women.

Mr. S.V. Bajaj, Superintendent of Police (Central Railway), told Samachar that the gang led by an ex-convict, Laxmibai Mariappa Phutane, operated on the trunk routes from Bombay to Delhi, Madras and Secunderabad.

Laxmibai, stated to be involved earlier in a Rs. 33,000 robbery at Koah station in the past, was arrested at Dadar on March 9, and the remaining three subsequently.

The mistress of a well-placed advocate from Hyderadad, she and her accomplices would board the ladies' compartment in the night trains and rob the passengers of their ornaments.

Laxmibai used her advanced stage of pregnancy to create sympathy and confidence in her unsuspecting co-passengers.

— The Deccan Chronicle

SHOCKING REPLY

"I don't want any calls this afternoon," said the business man to the office boy. "If they say their business is important just tell them, that's what they all say."

That afternoon, a lady called and insisted on seeing the busy business man. "I am his wife," she exclaimed.

"That's what they all say," said the office boy.

H. H. Swami Kesavaiahji addressing the devotees after inaugurating the Sri Shiridi Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam.

Swami Kesavaiahji Inaugurates New Samajam At Nalgonda

The new Sri Shiridi Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam at Nalgonda in Andhra Pradesh was inaugurated by H.H Swami Kesavaiahji, founder president of Sri Sai Baba Bhaktha Samajam, Shenoynagar, Madras, on June 14, at the Town Hall.

Sri S. Sundara Rao, District and Sessions Judge, Nalgonda, presided over the sacred function.

Swamiji inaugurating the Samajam solicited the cooperation of all the devotees in the noble cause of service to humanity and in furtherence of the objectives of the samajam.

Sri Swamiji advised the devotees to do their duty faithfully, lead a selfless life, do some service to the poor and the needy, not to interfere unnecessarily in others' affairs and have faith in God. He suggested to the devotees to utter Lord's name atleast a few times in a day with all sincerity and devotion whenever it is convenient for them.

Swamiji said that Sri Sai Baba stressed that there should be no conflict among the different religions. He said that it is a special characteristic of Sri Sai Baba to free any person, who surrenders completely to him, from his sufferings.

Swamiji narrated some interesting stories from the Ramayana and the Maha Bharatha and also a few incidents from his own life.

Swamiji emphatically told the devotees that there is no Saibaba other than the Saibaba of Shiridi, just as there is only one Ramakrishna Paramahamsa, one Swami Vivekananda, one Samartha Ramadas and one Raghavendra Swami.

Swamiji advising the ladies to look after the house-hold properly said that it is their responsibility as mothers of the future citizens of the Nation to cultivate in their children, from childhood, the devotion to God, reverence to parents and Guru, and obedience to elders. It is also their duty to teach the children good manners and behaviour and see that the children speak the truth always.

Swamiji declared that no amount of learning, reasoning or logic will take any one to God. As Sai Baba used to say one will get 'Bhrama' by reading books and not 'Brahman'. Hence devotion to God is all that is required.

Swamiji said that he cannot become a Sai Baba even if he takes 128 births. If any devotee is benefitted by his Puja to Sri Sai Baba and distribution of Udhi, it is all due to the grace of Sri Sai Baba.

Sri Sunder Rao, presiding over the function, said that the people of Nalgonda are fortunate in having Sri Swami Kesavaiahji with them and hear his discourse and getting the blessings of Sri Sai Baba of Shirdi through him.

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Welcome Address

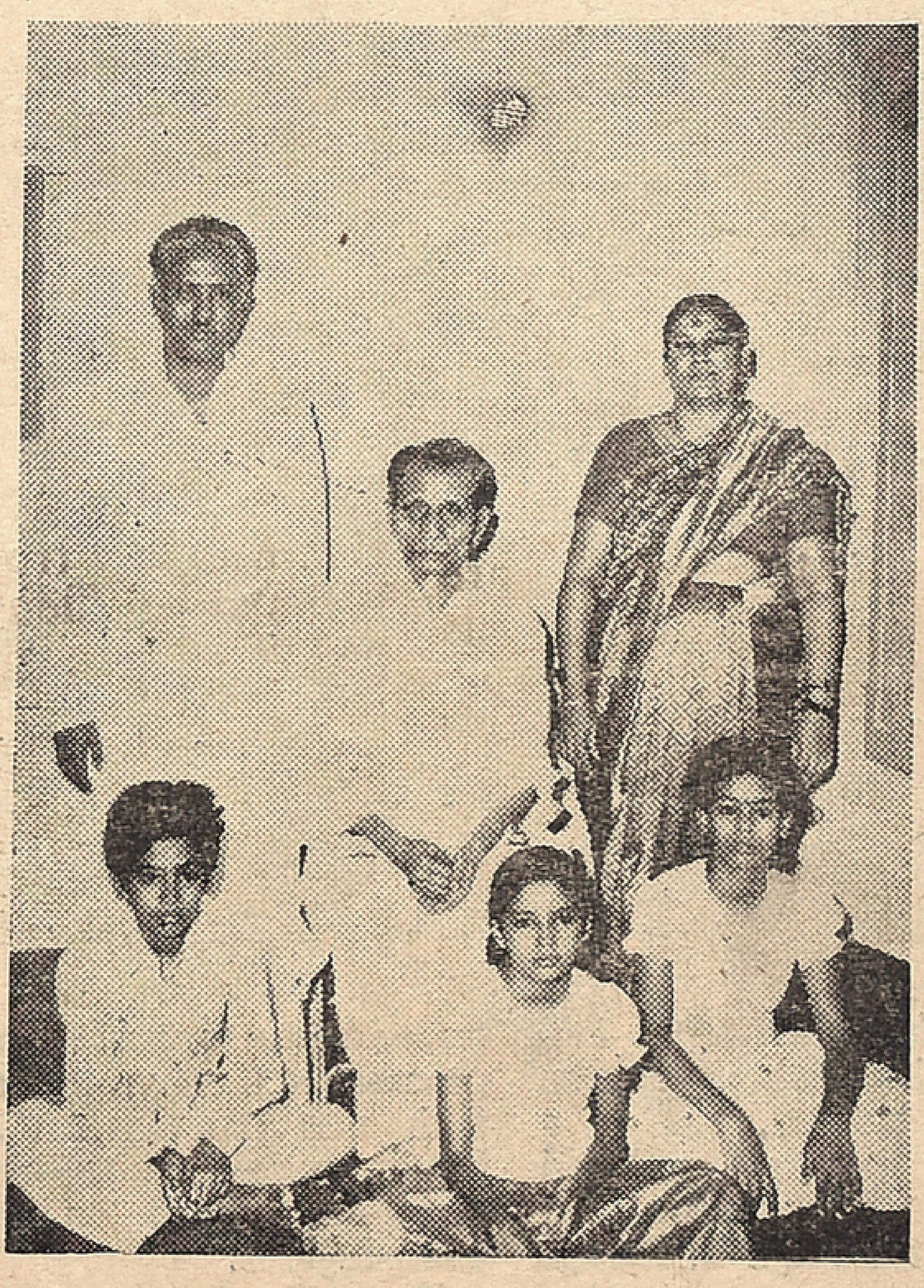
[A free translation of the welcome address presented to H. H. Swami Kesavaiahji in Telugu at Nalgonda is published here]

SRI Swami Kesavaiahji was born in a middle class family well known for its austerity and devotion to God. He hails from Paamidi, on the banks of the holy river Pennar, in the Anantapur District. A strict disciplinarian, he studied upto matriculation; but he is an embodiment of boundless knowledge. He was held in high regard even when he was in office as Sub Registrar. His visiting the holy Murugan temple of Palani is a turning point in his life. He could notice a great *tejas* (light) when he was in deep meditation before the idol. To him the Lord of Shiridi appeared and later he became a Godman endowed with some rare abilities. It was the Advocate Sri Malla Reddi who initiated Swamiji to the Sai Cult. Swamiji who has dedicated his life to the propagation of the Sai cult has been kind enough to visit Nalgonda today and we offer him a warm welcome.

Sri Swami Kesavaiahji is a devotee of Sri Sai Baba of Shiridi par excellence. Baba follows him wherever he goes. It is no exaggeration to say that Swamiji is different from Baba. We welcome him.

Sri Swami Kesavaiahji had built in Penukonda a Mandir to worship Baba. It has now become a holy shrine to many a devotee. The Madras city has become sanctified due to his stay there. The city has become another abode for the worship of Baba. The sufferings of the devotees have vanished due to the *udhi* and *tirtha* given by Swamiji. His name and fame have spread far and wide. Due to his efforts, a magnificent Mandir has come into light at Madras and several devotees throng at the Mandir which was inaugurated by the then Home Minister Sri Kasu Brahmananda Reddi on 14th March, 1975. This Mandir is a shining example of Sri Swamiji's ardent devotion to Baba. His blessings have been a source of strength to the devotees. To such a devotee of Sri Shiridi Sai Baba and a God-man, Sri Swami Kesavaiahji, we offer our respectful welcome.

Sri V. Pedda Reddy, Superintendent of Police, speaking on the occasion.



Sri Swamiji with Dr. P. Lakshminarasaiah, Chairman of the Samajam and also President of Lion's Club, his wife, who is the Treasurer, and their Children.

FUN AND LAUGHTER

ONCE MORE !

Counsel : "Now sir, did you, or did you not, on the date in question, or at any time, previously or subsequently, say or even intimate to the defendant or anyone else, whether friend or mere acquaintance, or in a fact, a stranger, that the statement imputed to you, whether just or unjust, and denied by the plaintiff, was a matter of no moment or otherwise ? Answer, did you or did you not ?"

Defendant : "Did I, or did I not what ?"

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ALL IN ONE !

The manager of a touring company wired to the proprietor of a theatre in a small town where his company was to appear : "Want to hold rehearsal at your theatre to-morrow afternoon, three o'clock. Have stage manager, stage carpenter, property man, chief electrician and all stage hands present promptly at that hour."

Shortly after he received the following reply: "All right. He will be there !"

LAST WORD

"Look here," said the magnate to his secretary, "you haven't the remotest idea of spelling. Do you know you have spelt 'pneumatic' N-E-W-M-A-T-I-C."

The girl was haughty.

"I'm sorry," she said, "but the 'k' on my machine is not working."

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WANING LOVE !

Bride of a week (sobbing): "I am so unhappy. Peter does not love me any more."

Mother : "What has he done, the wretch ?"

Bride : "He said that out of a hundred women there was only one as pretty as I am."

Mother : "But there is nothing wrong with that."

Bride : "But before we were married he said a thousand."

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A REAL DASH !

Billy: How would you punctuate this sentence. "The five-dollar bill flew out of the window."

Andy : I'd make a dash after the five !

QUESTION OF DEGREE !

The late Lord Kitchener's impenetrable reserve and disconcerting presence was once described by a writer in these terms: "He entered the dining-room like the Day of Judgment. Once he was sitting next to a lady at a dinner. She boldly asked him why he kept so aloof from his fellow mortals. He answered : "Madam, familiarity breeds contempt." "Yes," agreed his fair companion, "but you will admit it takes a certain degree of familiarity to breed anything."

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THE OLD HENS !

The elderly treasurer of a woman's aid society went into a bank to deposit the organization's funds. She handed the money to a hard-of-hearing cashier with the causual remark that it was "the aid money."

The cashier thought she said "egg money," and wanted to compliment her.

"Remarkable," he said, "isn't it, how well the old hens are doing these days ?"

THE BITTER BIT !

A woman once scolded Doctor Johnson because he had put some words in his dictionary which she thought were improper.

"Have you no decency ?" she stormed. Are you trying to corrupt everyone who reads your dictionary ? Don't you know that such words should not even be printed, let alone explained?"

"Madame," Doctor Johnson said, "you wouldn't have seen those words unless you looked them up."

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TOO EXPENSIVE

He passed all the tests, and was before the recruiting sergeant, giving particulars.

"Married or single ?" he was asked.

"Married."

"Any children ?"

"Eleven."

"Sorry, chum, Too expensive. We could get a couple of generals for that money."

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PRETENDING TWINS

Mother ; "Why did you take two pieces of cake, Tommy ?"

Tommy : "I was just pretending I was twins."

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CHEERFUL WELCOME !

"Ah !" exclaimed the touring manager hopefully as, after a week of disappointing houses, his dispirited company unloaded themselves at the station of another country town. "This looks better ! And see ! There's even a cheerful sunset to welcome us !"

"Sunset !" sniffed the proter. "That's the theatre. It's been on fire all the afternoon."

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IN BOTH CAPACITIES !

The chief constable of a small town was also an expert veterinary surgeon. One night the telephone bell rang. The chief constable's wife answered it. "Is Mr. Blank there ?" said an agitated voice. "Do you want my husband in his capacity as veterinary surgeon, or as chief constable ?" inquired the woman rather pompously. "Both madam," came the reply. "We can't get our new bulldog to open his mouth, and—there's a bur glar in it."

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BETTER

An Englishman complained to a Paris innkeeper that the rabbit he was eating tasted like old cat. The hotelier said he found himself covered with regret.

There was a delay before a new dish could be brought.

"Is it better this time ?" inquired the hotelier.

"Yes—it's good this time," said the perceptive Briton.

The hotelier then explained : "Because this time it is old cat."

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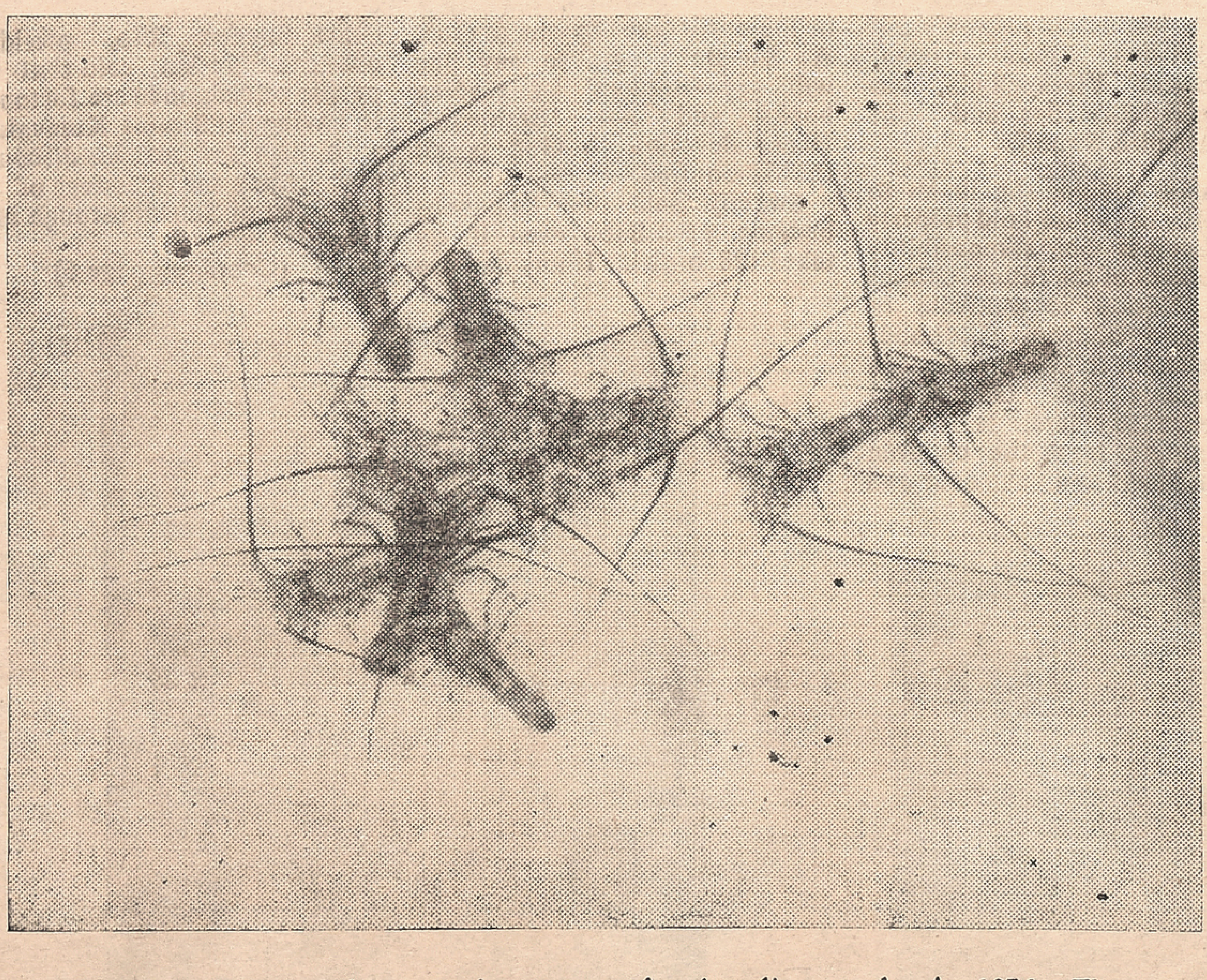
HONEST REPLY

"Would you say he is dishonest ?"

"Not actually, but after shaking hands with him one instinctively counts one's fingers."

Big Strides in Prawn And Crab Breeding in Tamilnadu



Indian white shrimps and crabs have been a big favourite for Western palates, and as a consequence, it has developed into an industry that is one of our foremost foreign exchange spinners.

The Central Fisheries Research Institute at Kovalam near Madras is engaged in intensive research to upgrade breeding process for these varieties. This is the first time that an attempt has been made in the culture of these crustaceans on the east coast regions.

The Tamilnadu shoreline which extends over a thousand kilometres, yielded 10,000 tonnes of shrimps and 630 tonnes of crabs, in 1976. There are vast stretches of lakes, backwaters and ponds in the state which are ideally suited for the breeding of such salt-water varieties. The beneficial research work conducted by the institute will go a long way in placing this industry as one of the foremost exchange earners in the state.

For The Week 26th, June To 2nd July 1977

MESHA (ARIES)
Aswini Bharani
Krittika 1/4

THIS week there is scope for financial improvement. You should be able to find a new source of income. Family happiness will increase. Renew your contacts with your old business associates. Avoid disputes and misunderstanding with your superiors. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications. You should try to complete long pending matters before the end of this month. Favourable days: 1st & 2nd.

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VRISHABA (TAURUS)
Krittika 3/4 Rohini
Mrigashirsha 1/2

THIS week starts well. Professional prospects will improve. You should go ahead with your plans. You will be able to start new ventures next month. Family members will be cooperative. But keep an eye on children. You can expect some benefits from opposite sex. Finance is fairly satisfactory. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 29th & 30th.

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MITHUNA (GEMINI)
Mrigashirsha 1/2 Arudra
Punarvasu 3/4

THE first part of the week is better than the later half. You will be able to complete some outstanding work. Though family work will be exacting, you will derive much pleasure from youngsters. Health will be well maintained. Short distance travel is indicated. You should avoid friction with your coworkers. Favourable days: 28th & 29th.

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KATAKA (CANCER)
Punarvasu 1/4 Pushya
Ashlesha

THIS week is good for personal matters. But heavy expenses will cause anxiety. Worries regarding professional matters are also seen. But the position will improve by the middle of the week. There is need for maintaining cordial relations with superiors. Mental activity is increased. Family members will be cooperative. Disputes and misunderstanding regarding property settlement should be avoided with care and patience. Favourable days: 26th & 27th.

SIMHA (LEO)
Maka Purva Palguni
Uttara Palguni 1/4

THE first part of the week is better than the later half. You should try to complete important transactions as early as possible. Pressure from creditors and borrowings are some possibilities. Partnership matters require attention. Family happiness is assured. Health requires attention. A short journey is indicated during this week. Generally the run of luck at the moment is below average. Favourable days: 29th & 30th.

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KANYA (VIRGO)
Uttara Palguni 3/4 Hastha
Chitra 1/2

MOST of the week is ordinary though the week end may produce better results. You should devote more attention to domestic matters. There is some difficulty relating to children. But the general level of comfort at home is satisfactory. Some problems are indicated in profession. You should also not strain your relations with coworkers. Health will be well maintained. Religious performance is indicated in the family. Favourable days: 27th & 28th.

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THULA (LIBRA)
Chitra 1/2 Swathi
Visakha 3/4

MO T of the week shows ordinary results. Domestic atmosphere will be normal. But childrens' affair needs attention. There is little change in the official matters. But try to avoid arguments with superiors. Investment in real property is not up to the expectation. Avoid speculative investments for some more time. You should not take any hasty steps till the end of this month. Financial position will be normal. Short journey is indicated during this week. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 26th & 27th.

VRISCHIKA (SCORPIO)
Vishakha 1/4 Anuradha
Jyeshtha

THIS week opens with chances of success in professional field. With some foresight and diplomacy you will be able to achieve solid progress. Domestic atmosphere will be normal. Children's progress will give pleasure. Health will be well maintained. Speculations in political matters should be avoided. Property matters should be handled properly. Avoid legal complications. Money matters will be encouraging. Favourable days: 29th & 30th.

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DHANUS (SAGITTARIUS)
Mula Purva Ashadha
Uttara Ashadha 1/4

THIS week opens with a renewed emphasis on monetary affairs. Speculative gains are also indicated. There is no major change in official sphere. You can hope to complete outstanding work. Domestic atmosphere will be good. But matters relating to children should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Political and social trends will be encouraging. But avoid speculations. Short distance travel is a possiblity. You should be prepared for unexpected developments on 28th & 29th.

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MAKARA (CAPRICORNUS)
Uttara Ashadha 3/4
Shravana Dhanistha 1/2

MOST of the week shows ordinary results. Finance will be satisfactory. But avoid speculative investments for some more time. Physical weakness is seen. So avoid extra work and mental strain. If possible try to take complete rest for a few days. Sudden decisions should be avoided. There will be improvement in the position next month. With some foresight and diplomacy, solid progress is assured. Favourable days: 30th & 1st.

GLOSSARY

Arudra	—திருவாதிரை
Pushya	—பூசம்
Ashlesha	—ஆயில்யம்
Purva Phalguni	—பூரம்
Uttara Phalguni	—உத்திரம்
Anuradha	—அனுஷம்
Jyeshtha	—கேட்டை
Purva Ashada	—பூராடம்
Uttara Ashada	—உத்திராடம்
Shravana	—திருவோணம்
Dhanistha	—அவிட்டம்
Satha Bhishag	—சதயம்
Purva Bhadrapada	—பூரட்டாதி
Uttara Bhadrapada	—உத்திரட்டாதி

KUMBHA (AQUARIUS)
Dhanishta 1/2 Sathabhishag
Purva Badrapada 3/4

THE whole week can be said to be satisfactory. Financial position will improve. Speculative gains are also indicated. You should try to find new sources of income, by diversifying your activities. Official atmosphere will be normal. But avoid friction with superiors. Family members will be cooperative. Matters relating to children require attention. Property matters should be handled properly to avoid complications later. Short distance travel is indicated. Favourable days: 27th & 28th.

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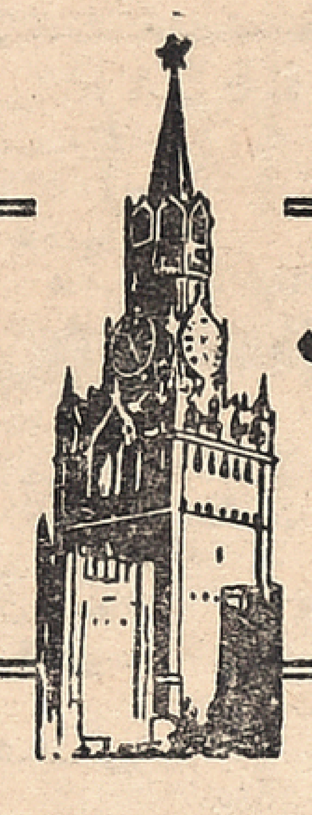
MEENA (PISCES)
Purva Badrapada
Uttara Badrapada Revati

THE whole week will be satisfactory. You should continue your efforts in your official work. You are likely to be given a new and more attractive position. Help from friends could be expected. Financial position will be satisfactory. Speculative gains are also indicated. Family affairs come for closer attention. Matters relating to children's education will be a source of anxiety. Property matters should be handled properly. Health will be well maintained. Avoid impulsive actions on 28th & 29th.



Muscovite's Diary

Ivan Ivanov

WORLD RELIGIOUS CONFERENCE

THE World Religious Conference held recently at Moscow on "religious workers for lasting peace, disarmament and just relations among nations" was a great success. This is the view of many of the participants. Prof. Pritam Singh of Guru Nanak University, one of the delegates, told me that it was for the first time that inter-religious dialogue has happened on such a grand scale and workers of different religions have talked about peace, disarmament and justice among nations.

Professor Singh further said that the unanimous decisions of the conference should now be implemented.

"In the Indian report," he added, "we have suggested that a permanent bureau of the religious workers of the world be formed. Unless there are follow-up actions, we are afraid, such a great event ends without much results." According to him this effort has to continue at different levels, because religious workers still have such influence over their followers. "And if they spend all their energy to the cause of world peace and a permanent committee or bureau remind them of their duty, I am certain, this is going to have a great influence on the world public opinion," he said.

"It is peace that every religion propagates," Professor Pritam Singh emphasised. "And though intra-religious and inter-religious struggle still exist, people here, at the conference, talked about the real values of life, of which peace is the most important one and of their duty to spare no efforts to stabilise peace in the world. It was stated at the conference too that every conflict should be settled only through peaceful negotiations", he added.

Mohammad Yunus Saleem, M. P., another delegate to the conference said that the world meet "was a unique gathering". The delegates discussed the possibilities of stabilising peace, of disarmament and relations between nations on the basis of equality and justice.

"Though the policy of India is non-alignment, and India does not belong to any bloc, so far as peace is concerned, the policy of India and USSR is identical," Mr. Saleem said. They are both striving for world peace and they both are against armed conflicts," he added.

"Our conference has showed," he said, "that representatives of all religions now realise the importance of peace and we hope in future they all will work together for the benefit of all peoples of the world".

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INDIAN ELECTRIC EQUIPMENT AT MOSCOW EXHIBITION

India has made her debut at the Electro-77 Exhibition held in Moscow on June 9-23, which demonstrated electro-technical equipment and power transmission lines. Hundreds of enterprises, firms and organizations from 23 countries had displayed their technological advances in the production, transmission and utilization of electric power and also the latest electro-technical equipment. India was represented at the exhibition by the State Trading Corporation.

Thousands of people visited the exhibition, despite the unusually hot weather for Moscow (up to + 30 degrees centigrade). Many of them were interested in the Indian exposition. Designers from Kharkov (an important centre of the electrotechnical industry in in the Ukraine) showed interest in the powerful electric circuit breakers, contractors and starters. Mikhail Matrosov, an electro-technician from Sverdlovsk (Urals) wanted to know whether the exposition included manufactures of the Hardwar Heavy Electrical Engineering Plant, and was sorry to receive one negative answer. Mikhail Matrosov explained that for several years he had worked at the plant, which is an important project of Soviet-Indian economic cooperation, and had become its patriot. He highly appraised independent India's successes in the electro-technical industry and said that if the Hardwar, Bhopal and other plants had participated in the exhibition, the visitors would have been able to get a fuller idea of the growing Indian industrial potential.

Soviet-Indian trade shows that India is becoming an exporter of electro-technical equipment, power cable, electric lifts, accumulators and other manufactures of the kind have become important items of Indian exports to the Soviet Union. Bearing in mind the fact that Soviet-Indian trade annually increases by 12.5 per cent, one can say that these deliveries will be steadily growing.

Over the past twenty years Soviet-Indian trade has grown dozens of times and, in terms of cost, has topped 7,000 million rupees annually. The Fourth Five-Year Trade Agreement provides for a 50 per cent rise of Soviet-Indian trade by 1980. Soviet-Indian trade promotes all-round cooperation between the two countries, which was discussed on June 15 during the hearty and friendly talks between Leonid Brezhnev, General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee, and I. K. Gujral, Indian Ambassador to the USSR.

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THIRD LARGEST CITY

Novosibirsk, in the heart of Siberia, has become the third largest Soviet City with a population of 1,350,000. That means it has taken only half as long to pass the million mark as Chicago did. In the past decade it has built some 70 million square feet of housing, and now covers an area exceeded only by Moscow and Leningrad.

Novosibirsk was born when the Trans-Siberian Railway was built at the end of last century, but only put on a real spurt in Soviet times. Then Siberia's huge resources began to be intensively exploited and big factories came into being including a huge one manufacturing farm machinery. Novosibirsk also grew into an important scientific and cultural centre.

If it keeps up the present growth rate, the population will pass the two million mark before the end of the century.

Gorillas For Hire

Rampant crime in the West is increasing the demand for bodyguards. And demand engenders supply. The West German newspapers Frankfurter Allgemeine and Main-Post have carried the following advertisements:

"Loyal gorilla, discreet, disciplined, knowing how to behave in society, athletic build (190 cm), secondary education, studied medicine, military training, fluent English, French and German, much travelled, offers services to elderly persons as bodyguard for trips abroad. First-class references. Serious offers only."

"Bodyguard with many years' experience offers services. Prepared to guard you at home and on trips by car, train and ship. No planes."

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He was happy to learn many things from Swamiji about the importance of Bhakti and also about Sri Shiridi Sai Baba. Swamiji's discourse has made him understand how one should lead a life in this mundane world.

Earlier, a welcome address, in Telugu, presented on behalf of the Samajam, was read by Sri Veerabhadraiah, Telugu lecturer.

Sri. K. Ramakrishna Reddy. former M.P., welcomed the gathering.

Sri. V. Pedda Reddy Superintendent of Police, Nalgonda, paid glowing tributes to the services of Swamiji.

Sri. P. Ranga Rao and Sri. Lakshminarasimha Rao who spoke on the occasion said that Sri Swamiji was a great bhaktha of Sri Shiridi Sai Baba and did yeoman service to the suffering humanity, propagating the Sai Cult throughout the world.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the secretary of the Samajam.

Swamiji distributed Udhi to all the devotees who were present at the function.

Swamiji, who arrived at Nalgonda the earlier day, performed Puja at the residences of Dr. Laxminarasaiah, President, Lions Club, and Sri. T. Venugopala Murthy, Advocate, and distributed Sri Sai Baba's Udhi and Prasadams to all.

On his way back Swamiji made a brief halt at Suryapet. He performed puja at the residence of Dr. K. Srinivasa Swamy, former Municipal Chairman, and blessed the devotees assembled there by distributing Udhi and prasadam.

Dozing Justice

Justice Marshall McComb was 82 and ought to have retired long ago, but he just could not part with his lucrative post in the California Supreme Court. And so he continued to "administer justice," but how? He constantly fell asleep, talked to himself and once came to court wearing a Shirley Temple wig. He thus became a widely-publicized embarrassment to the California judiciary and finally a special panel of the state's appeal judges took an unprecedented decision: for "bizarre behaviour" and conduct "prejudicial to the administration of justice" he was retired.

E.E.C. To The Rescue

The EEC Commission to help Italian and French fruit farmers who were suffering from declining prices and ordered the destruction of 6, 300 hectares of orchards in Italy and 3,900 hectares in France. The result of such "aid" soon made themselves felt ; imported South American pears appeared at the city markets of these two countries.

The Earth 50 Million Years From Now

By VICTOR GAVRILOV

IT will be recalled that the earth consists of three shells. The thickness of its outer shell—the crust—equals about one per cent of its radius. However, it varies from place to place. While it is 35 to 45 kilometres under the continents and even up to 70 kilometres thick under mountainous areas, it is only 5 to 10 kilometres under the oceans.

> **The future appearance and climate of our planet largely depend on processes that take place deep under its surface. Recent geological explorations have led to rather unexpected forecasts.**

The crust covers the whole globe in one solid sheet. But it is a mobile sheet: in some places it bursts or slips apart; in others, on the contrary, its individual plates collide and crawl over each other. The movement of the earth's "skin" is due to the turbulent processes that take place in its mantle–the layer located between the crust and the core.

There are several hypotheses which try to explain abyssal processes. In the past decade or so what is known as the "hypothesis of global tectonics of plates" has gained ground. Many geologists maintain that it offers the broadest explanation for the development of our planet.

According to this hypothesis, the mantle substance moves inside earth, drawing plates of the crust into this movement. Some geologists say that the crust consists of nine plates, others count 15. Modern science makes it possible to measure, employing special devices, the speed and direction of the plates' movement. This justifies an attempt to visualize the future picture of the globe.

INDIA WILL MOVE NORTH

If in some fantastic way we could obtain a geographic map of the world in such a distant future, we would have difficulty recognizing the outlines of the present continents and oceans. Australia will move north, dragging, like a bulldozer, New Guinea, Kalimantan, Java, Sumatra and other islands, to the south–eastern tip of Asia in its wake.

The Indian plate will move north, intensifying its pressure on Central Asia and pushing the Himalayas, Tibet, Tien–Shan and the Pamirs still higher.

Since North America and Europe continue to drift apart at a speed of one to two centimetres a year, in 50 million years the Atlantic Ocean will be between 500 and 1,000 kilometres wider.

South America will advance north–west, approaching North America. The Peninsula of Lower California, shifting in the same direction along an abyssal fracture, will break away from the continent. Lower California will become an island.

Moving north, Africa will inevitably narrow the Mediterranean. Scientists believe that the African plate plunges under Eurasian continent. The gradual compression forms folds on the floor of the Mediterranean, which in time will develop into mountain ranges. The Mediterranean is falling into a host of isolated lakes and will eventually run dry.

East Africa will split along the great African faults. Special devices have already helped to disclose a steady, widening of these deep crustal faults. They grow several centimetres wider annually. In 50 million years these centimetres will run into hundreds of kilometres, turning the eastern part of Africa into a large island.

The Red Sea, and the Gulf of Aden are widening. The Atlantic and Indian oceans will expand while the Pacific is likely to shrink. The most stable situation will be in Europe and Asia.

In some places the sea will encroach on dry land, in others, on the contrary, it will recede. It is probable that the waters of the Atlantic will eventually flood part of the coast of Western Europe. The Arctic seas will possibly attack the tundras of Europe and Asia. In contrast, Scandinavia will gain more space from the sea.

FUTURE CLIMATE OF EARTH

Of course, changes in the appearance of the earth will be paralleled by changes in climate. Proceeding from the hypothesis of global tectonics of plates, scientists have also issued a forecast of the earth's climate 50 million years hence. By that time the climate of the northern hemisphere will have grown considerably milder and nearly all Arctic ice will have melted. Warmth will be supplied to the Antarctic by the Gulfstream, which will become fuller, due to the widening of the Atlantic. The disappearance of the Mediterranean will make the climate in the present Mediterranean areas more continental, winters will become colder and summers hotter. Europe and East Asia will become a locale of tornadoes, which now affect only the midwestern United States. In Australia the climate will change from dry to humid. There will be fewer typhoons in the Pacific. Near the Aleutian Islands North America and Asia may be spanned by a bridge of dry land, which will inevitably affect the climate of Alaska and the north-westesn areas of Canada.

Naturally, these are tentative prognoses. The weather in the next 100 to 200 years can be predicted with somewhat greater accuracy, although changes in this period do not depend greatly on the above-mentioned geological processes. Recent observations reveal that the earth's climate is becoming increasingly cooler. In the past 20 years the average annual temperature of water in the north Atlantic Ocean has dropped from 12° to 11.5° Centigrade. In the northern hemisphere the ice-cap has expanded by 12 per cent. Icebergs now reach as far south as the latitude of Lisbon – 400 kilometres farther south than before.

However, in the view of many Soviet climatologists, at the close of the 20th century the climate is likely to become warmer and this process will continue into the early third millennium. The inland ice of Greenland, Novaya Zemlya and Scandinavia will melt more intensively, which in turn will raise the level of the World Ocean. Maximum warming is likely to be expected in the years 2300-2400. The second half of the third millennium will be cold.

Human activity, which is becoming an increasingly substantial factor in life on earth, will also lead to some changes in climate. One can only hope that human interference in planetary processes will be wise and beneficial for our planet as a whole, as well as for all that lives on it.

TIME SAVER !

Helen : "Name a great time saver."

Ruth : "Love at first sight."

In Step With The Times

To make Washington Cathedral more attractive, Dean Francis B. Sayre decided to moderdize it. For that purpose he ordered a new stained glass window illustrating achievements in space research. Instead of angels and saints, it depicts stars and planets in the glowing rays of the rising sun. In the very centre of this symbolic picture is a small coin-size bit of lunar rock brought back to earth by American astronauts in 1969. Scientists say it is about 3,500 million years old. Did the Dean have it put there to show that so many years have passed since the creation ?

Dangerous Obsession

Michael Williams, a 24-year-old British cinema projectionist admitted six charges of assault, armed burglary and attempted rape, all perpetrated in the year before his arrest. A girl he had indecently assaulted said he used foul expression originating from the film "The Exorcist." The hearings revealed he was influenced by other horror films too.

Drug Ring In Prison

Tony Marchi, jailed for four years in Sweden in 1975, soon found that prison bars were no barrier to illicit activity, drug peddling in his particular case. He turned the prison into his headquarters and started business. Once he even managed to escape and made two business trips to Pakistan and one to Belgium. He was detained loaded with drugs.

One Way Out

The heads and teachers of schools in Birmingham (Eng and) are worried by the increase in the number of pregnant schoolgirls aged 14 to 16 ye rs. A recent poll among girls of senior forms, says the Daily Mail, revealed that most of the expectant mothers did it for only one reason — not to go to school.

Progress !

In the little town of Worcester near Capetown (South Africa), one white woman taught dancing to white and black children. The authorities, however, banned the classes on the grounds that she was violating the Group Areas Act. Thereupon, she appealed to the relevant government department. The latter graciously permitted her to have white and black children "under the same roof," but at different times.

Vocalist Extarordinary

Born into a family of aesthetic art lovers, Srimathi Saradha Natarajan probably obtained every encouragement to develop her talents as a vocalist. Her father, the late Biksbandarkoil Rao Bahadur G. Rajagopal Pillay, was a patron of arts and a highly cultured man, who has published many books on music and religion.

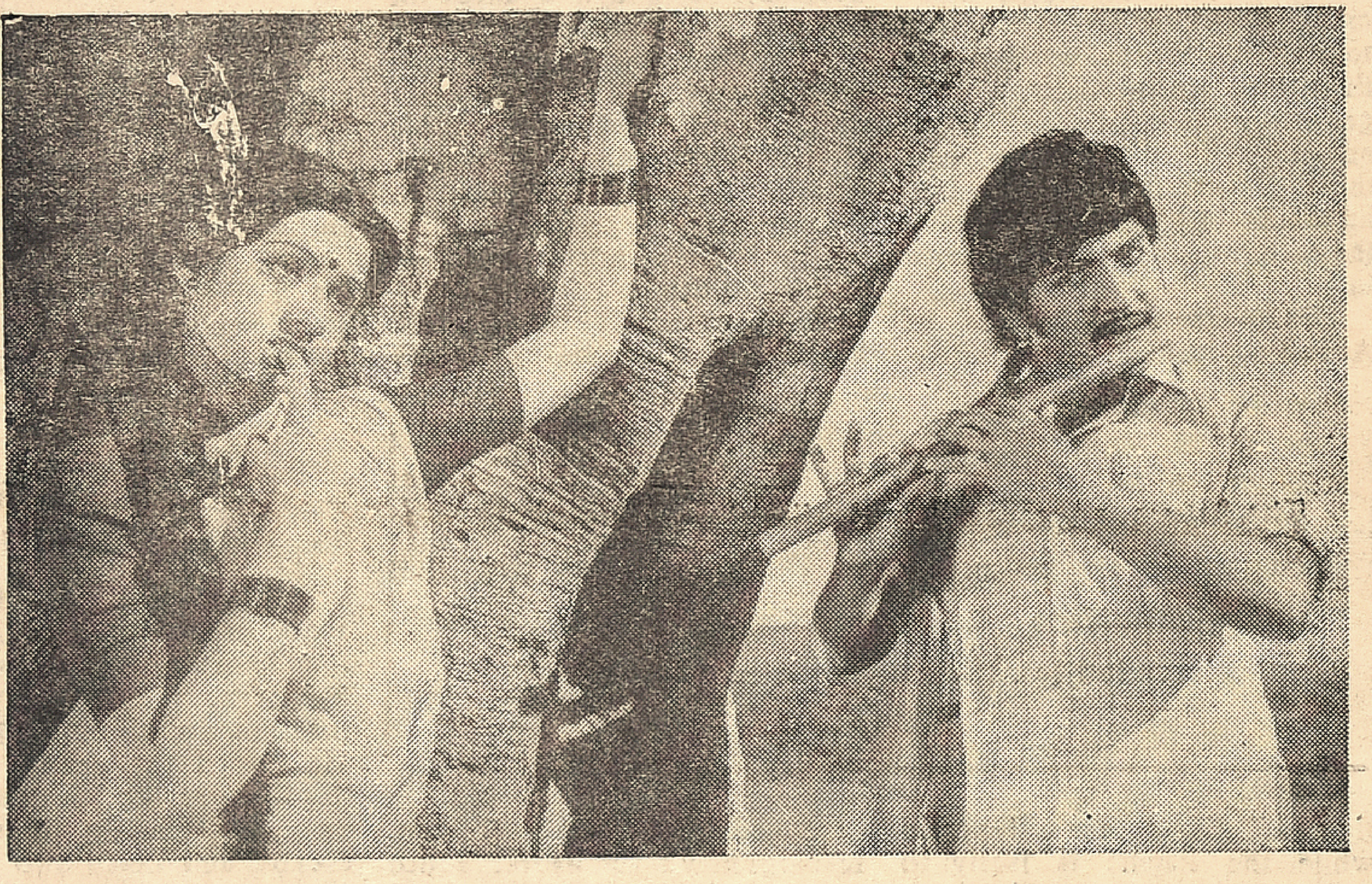
Smt. Natarajan's innate gift for music has blossomed over the years, and today she is an artist who is recognised in her field. She has been a part of Smt. Vyjayanthimala Bali's troupe for quite some time now. Her mellow voice and wide range have been an asset to the famous dancer's programmes, both in India as well as abroad. Smt. Saradha has just returned after an extended tour to U. S. A., Europe and Canada. Her singing has won her wide acclaim, and earned her innumerable fans wherever she has performed.

She has also given performances under the auspices of such distinguished institutions as the Music Academy, Indian Fine Arts Society etc. She is also a concert artist for AIR.

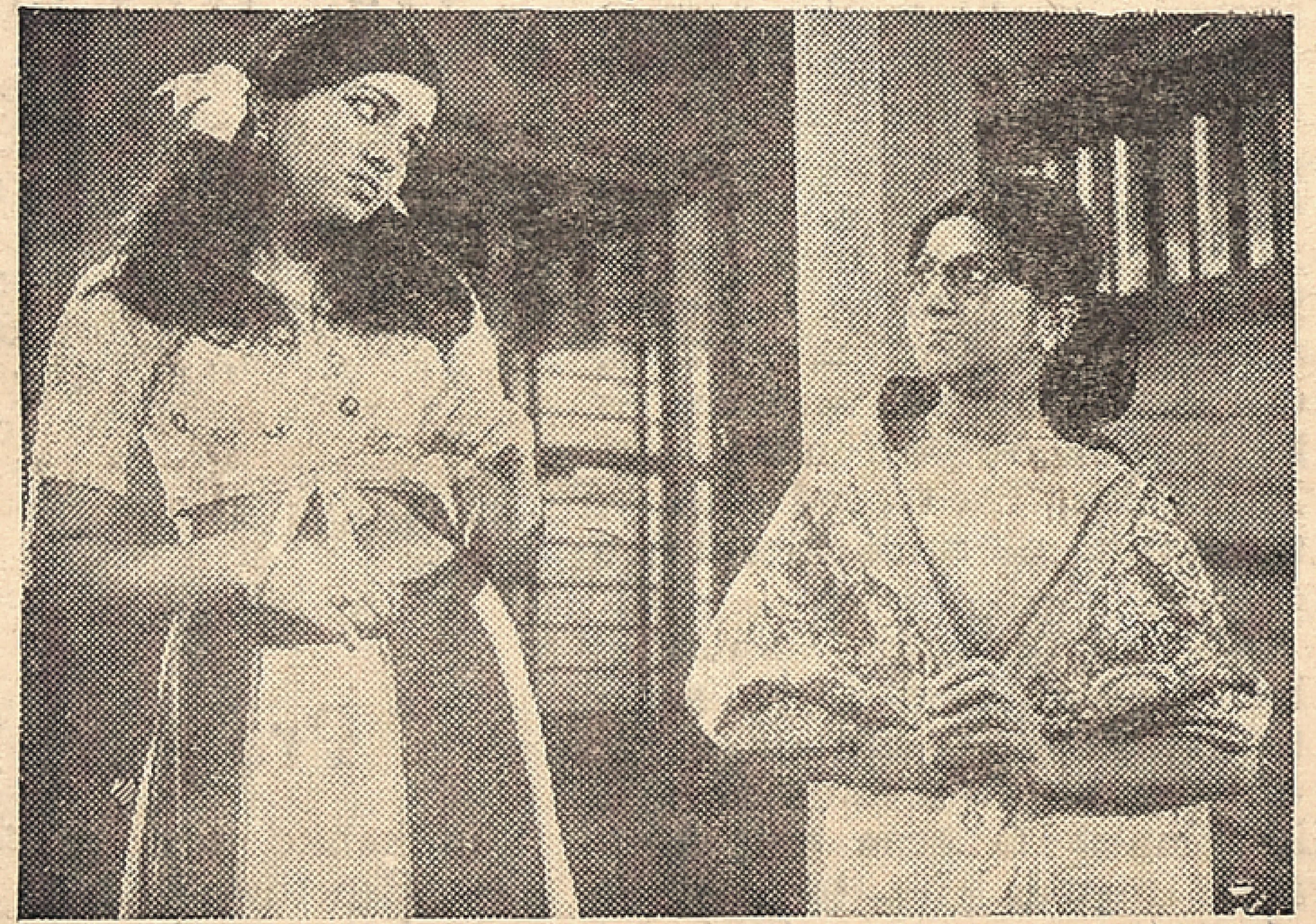
Smt. Saradha's husband, Shri S. Natarajan, is the Deputy Chief Engineer, Water and Drainage Board, Government of Tamilnadu. A lover of music and fine arts, he is giving her all encouragement needed in her endeavour.

As a gesture of her love for music, she has created an endowment in the name of her father, which offers an annual award to the winner in Dikshitar Krithis at the Music Academy, Madras.

FILM NEWS IN PICTURES



Music has its own attraction. More so the melodious tunes that come from the musical instrument flute with which Lord Krishna lured the Gopikas. Here Sivakumar is trying his luck with the flute in enticing Sridevi in SP.T. Films' KAVIKUYIL.



Writer-director Thamaraimanalan has introduced a number of new faces in Rasikalaya's BRINDAVANATHIL NANDAKUMARAN fast progressing under his direction. Nalina and Vandana, two new comers, are seen here in a tense sequence from the above film.

A head on clash ? No. It is part of a game the lovers play in the films. Sivakumar and newface K. S. Jayalakshmi playing the game in M. K. R. Pictures' ETHARKUM THUNINTHAVAN.

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